

FACULTY CLUB NEWSLETTER:

December 1983

Ah! when shall all men's good

Be each man's rule, and universal
Peace

Lie like a shaft of light across
the land?

-Jennyson

A Word From The President :

Happy Channukah, Merry Xmas -- in that order this year.

Now that the holiday season is upon us and classes are over for the first term, the faculty can withdraw to their home offices or country retreats to mark papers and exams and prepare second-term courses quietly. The staff will no doubt find plenty to do during this period.

Our Club will be closed over the holidays too. Closing date is Friday, December 16, re-opening on Monday, January 9, 1984.

We are in the midst of our regular problems with Saga Foods, who manage the Club for us. They claim that prices in the Dining Room are too low to enable them to make a profit with present usage of the premises. In fact, they have posted large losses since the beginning of term. Negotiations may produce a solution satisfactory to all, but we will do our utmost to prevent any price increase. Our present strategy is to increase usage through a publicity campaign. You may have noticed regular ads in The Thursday Report over the past several weeks and a story on us in the last issue (December 1, 1983, p. 6).

The executive recently appointed Gerry Jones, a member-at-large, as Information Officer to co-ordinate all the Club's publicity. We think the campaign has already produced some results in attendance over the past couple of weeks and usage should rise markedly in the new year.

For the sake of our hard-working, non-drinking members, fruit juices are now available at the bar. Of course, coffee is now served from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and tea from 5 - 6 p.m. Supper is from 7 - 8 p.m. and soon coffee will be available the whole evening at the bar.

We are not looking for a profit (by our charter we are a non-profit organization and that is one point we really live up to). We are looking for the break-even point. But even that requires greatly increased usage of the Club. So drop in for morning coffee, and have lunch -- a good lunch -- at a 10 per cent discount on an already low price, and bring a friend to tea or supper.

Don't forget Xmas Dinner on Friday, December 16. Apparently I have to play Santa Claus, so see you there!

Ho, ho, ho, have a very good new year.

H. M. Angell



Social Programme

Catherine Dallaire - Social Chairman

The programme schedule as it stands to date:

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE December 16, 1983

-Tickets, flyers (by mail), posters, etc. all taken care of by our social committee and ready for distribution. Will call on PR Committee as soon as possible for lots of publicity.

THE CLUB ENTERTAINS - all members January 26, 1984

-Wine and Cheese Party - Social get-together

VALENTINE'S DANCE; SLEIGH RIDE (tentative) February 16, 1984

-Hot Punch served by President - dancing to follow

ST. PATRICK'S DAY March 15, 1984

-Irish Coffee Party and Creme de menthe frappe

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD NIGHT (for retirees) April 19, 1984

-Cocktails and canapes

GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE

-End of April or beginning of May, 1984 t.b.a.

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Now in more detail an outline of the programme mentioned in the Faculty Club Brochure which was mailed earlier to the general membership.

1. SUNDOWN

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 5 - 6 p.m.
Thursday TGIT 5 - 7 p.m.

-These "Happy Hours" to be institutionalized by doing everything possible to bring attention to their existence. All attention by means of posters, flyers, items in Newsletter, ads and articles in The Thursday Report, etc. to focus on these daily and weekly events.

Some soft music (stereo radio controlled by bar) in the background would bring more atmosphere and would please many (if not abused). Experience tells us there has been an improvement in the attendance, but we need many more members to come.

2. The annual events are presenting no problems to date. Of course we will continue to advertise in the usual way (posters, flyers, newsletter, Thursday Report, etc.). With a PR Committee this part of the social calendar should be very successful.

3. FRIDAY DANCE NIGHT

-Friday Dance Night needs a shot in the arm. We are trying to reach a group of members, associations or others to come and use our lounge and bar area for this purpose.

We shall provide the sound equipment, have the dance floor ready, etc., and co-ordinate the event -- if needed. They have to provide tapes or records, the m.c. etc. Does anybody have any group or names to suggest? How about the "Christmas Parties" in the different departments coming up! A very good opportunity for all of us to suggest using the Faculty Club area.

4. RENDEZVOUS

-Someone has to sell the idea to the Societies. (We have a volunteer to approach CUFA). We are also trying to talk to CUNASA and the Administration, and hope for dates in the next term. If we can get volunteer help from the membership, please come forward. "Rendezvous" means designating a regular evening in the Club for informal encounters.

5. SCHOLARS NIGHT

-I recommend to the President that he write to the different departments and address important people to reiterate the various conveniences which the Club has to offer vis-a-vis Scholars Night. Then he should form a Scholars Committee to undertake the task with us to encourage faculty to entertain students and their own faculty. They may have any number of guests. (Cheaper drinks might encourage this event).

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We could approach an academic to be "scholarly advisor". The Social Chairman will be more than willing to co-ordinate anything that comes up.

6. DEPARTMENTS ENTERTAIN

-Each department will have to do their own entertainment, in any fashion they see fit.

a) We did approach the French Department which may put on a show or something in the new year.

We are trying to get a firm date. We will help where possible with this first event, hoping it will catch on and that others will follow suit, e.g. Registrars Office, English Department, Mathematics, Fine Arts and/or others.

b) Cabaret troupe to perform (possibly in February). A repeat of November's hit. We would sell tickets and publicize it.

c) Possibly a wine-tasting session or a roast.

d) Games Night in the Lounge - Any night - Bridge, Monopoly, Chess, Trivial Pursuit, etc. Bring your family and friends and play. (Of course, no gambling at any time).

7. VERNISSAGE

-We would have to check with the Curator to tell us how to proceed in this area.

8. BOOK LAUNCHINGS

-The Research Office or Librarian might give us an area to explore, so we would know who to invite. Perhaps we should include articles and call it a Writer's Night, or perhaps invite authors of distinction.

9. MEET THE SPEAKER

-We need to delegate this area to someone with clear ideas -- to an intellectual interested in speakers. To make contact in this area we would need a faculty member to volunteer. Also, the Social Chairman is willing to help out to outline what is available in the Club in the line of services.

In conclusion, I recommend the following:

- A. Assign priority to 1,2,3 (largest continuing attendance).
- B. Delegate, and plan for 4,5, and 6.
- C. Postpone 7,8 and 9 until next year, but try to get organized for them. With some help, we could have the groundwork done for these.

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Upon receiving a favorable response to this programme, I will be able to expand my Social Committee to include such persons who have interests other than the purely social events and who are willing to be committed.

At this point, my Committee has been meeting regularly (at least once a week) and is made up of two members and one executive officer -- Angela Wilson, Stewart Phelan, E. King (ad hoc) and Catherine Dallaire (chairman).

We must all try to get the members to frequent the Club because of all it has to offer: coffee, lunch, tea, supper and Sundown.

Any volunteers or comments?

Catherine Dallaire, local 214, room PR-421.



REMEMBER:

- 10:30 - 11:30 Morning coffee in the Dining Room
- 12:00 - 2:00 Lunch in the Dining Room
- 5:00 - 6:00 Afternoon tea in the Dining Room
SUNDOWN in the Lounge (On Thursdays until 7:00)
- 7:00 - 8:00 Supper in the Dining Room

SEE YOU AT THE CLUB



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